AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 24 through 27 and 39 through 43 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 14, 18, 31, and 35, as follows:

1 - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

reception means for receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether or not the signal received by said reception means ~~receives a command other than~~ is a response ~~corresponding~~ to the predetermined command ~~prior to a reception of the response~~; and

control means discarding the signal, waiting for a reception of the response to the predetermined command and for controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the recording apparatus after the reception of the response, in a case where said determination means determines that ~~said reception means has received the command other than the response prior to a reception of~~ the signal is not the response.

15. (Original) The image supply device according to claim 14, wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

16. (Original) The image supply device according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

17. (Previously Presented) The image supply device according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that said reception means receives the command other than the response prior to a reception of the response.

18. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus used in a recording system in which an image supply device and the recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, comprising:

command issuing means for issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

reception means for receiving a signal from the image supply device after said command issuing means issues the predetermined command;

determination means for determining whether or not the signal received by said reception means ~~receives~~ is a command other than a response ~~corresponding~~ to the predetermined command ~~prior to a reception of the response~~; and

control means for preferentially processing the command received from the image supply device, sending a response to the command to the image supply device and controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the image supply device after sending of the response to the command, in a case where said determination means determines that ~~said reception means has received the command~~ the signal is the command other than the response ~~prior to a reception of the response~~.

19. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said control means delays the issuing timing of the next command by a predetermined time period.

20. (Original) The recording apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

21. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time said determination means determines that said reception means receives the command other than the response prior to a reception of the response.

22 - 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) A control method of an image supply device used in a recording system in which the image supply device and a recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, the method comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command to the recording apparatus;

a reception step of receiving a signal from the recording apparatus after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step;

a determination step of determining whether or not the signal received in said reception step is ~~a command other than~~ a response ~~corresponding~~ to the predetermined command ~~is received in said reception step prior to a reception of the response~~; and

a control step of discarding the signal and waiting for reception of the response and controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the recording apparatus after the reception of the response, in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the ~~command other than~~ signal is not the response ~~has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step~~.

32. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein in said control step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

34. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time it is determined in said determination step that the command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step.

35. (Currently Amended) A control method of a recording apparatus used in a recording system in which an image supply device and the recording apparatus communicate with each other via a communication interface, and image data is transmitted from the image supply device to the recording apparatus and recorded, the method comprising:

a command issuing step of issuing a predetermined command to the image supply device;

a reception step of receiving a signal from the image supply device after the predetermined command is issued in said command issuing step;

a determination step of determining whether or not the signal received in said reception step is a command other than a response ~~corresponding~~ to the predetermined command ~~is received in said reception step prior to a reception of the response~~; and

a control step of preferentially processing the command received from the image supply device, sending a response to the command to the image supply device and controlling an issuing timing of a next command to the image supply device after sending of the response to the command, in a case where it is determined in said determination step that the ~~command other than~~ signal is the command other than the response ~~has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step~~.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 35, wherein in said control step, the issuing timing of the next command is delayed by a predetermined time period.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is changed at random.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 36, wherein the predetermined time period is updated every time it is determined in said determination step that the command other than the response corresponding to the predetermined command has been received prior to a reception of the response in said reception step.

39 - 43. (Cancelled)